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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. DOCTOR VIEWING TV CLIPS OF BREZHNEV 8 JULY DIPLOMATIC
RECEPTION (CLEAREST PHOTOGRAPHY OF HIM IN 2 YEARS) SEES
CLEAR, RECENT 3/4 INCH INCISION WITH SUTURES ON LEFT
SIDE OF BREZHNEV'S FACE ABOUT 1 1/2 INCHES IN FRONT AND
1 INCH BELOW EAR. SINCE AMBASSADOR REPORTED NO SCAR
AS OF 5 JULY SESSION, THIS MINOR SURGERY MAY HAVE OCCURRED
BETWEEN 5 AND 8 JULY. DID YOU NOTICE SCAR ON 8 JULY?
FYI: SCAR IS ON OPPOSITE SIDE OF FACE FROM TRIGEMINAL
NEURALGIA, HENCE EVIDENTLY NOT ASSOCIATED WITH THAT.
PROBABLY FROM REMOVAL OF MOLE LONG NOTICEABLE IN PHOTOS
OF BREZHNEV. DOCTOR'S OPINION IS THAT THIS TYPE OF
ELECTIVE SURGERY SUGGESTS BREZHNEV'S PHYSICIANS ALSO FELT
RELATIVELY GOOD ABOUT HIS CONDITION AS OF THAT TIME.

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2. ON FURTHER REFLECTION, BILL LUERS IS THINKING ABOUT
THE PERIOD AUGUST 20-SEPTEMBER 4 FOR A SWING TO THE USSR
AND EE. HE WOULD SPEND 4-5 DAYS IN MOSCOW. HOW WOULD
THAT FIT THE SCHEDULE THERE?

3. REF MOSCOW 11350, THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO
RESPOND TO THE SOVIET JULY 11 NOTE CONCERNING SOVEREIGN

IMMUNITY. WE BELIEVE THE SOVIET NOTE WAS PROMPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S CIRCULAR NOTE ABOUT THE CHANGE IN US LAW. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF WHAT HAPPENS WITH REGARD TO CHANGES IN THE IMMUNITY SITUATION HERE.

4. CHIEF JUSTICE BURGER IS OUT OF TOWN UNTIL AUGUST 10, AND MR. CANNON IS ALSO OUT OF TOWN UNTIL AUGUST 22. FIRM ANSWERS TO YOUR QUERIES MUST AWAIT THE CHIEF JUSTICE'S RETURN. HOWEVER, HIS JUNIOR AIDE BELIEVES CHIEF JUSTICE BURGER WILL NOT BE LAYING A WREATH AT LENIN'S TOMB. HE DID NOT REQUEST A VISIT TO KAZAN CATHEDRAL AND WANTS SPECIFICALLY TO SEE ST. ISAAC'S. UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE NO ANSWER AT THIS TIME ON THE QUESTION OF SPASO HOUSE DINNER.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE STAFFING FIGURES AS OF JUNE 30, 1977 FOR LOCAL EMPLOYEES, WORKING WIVES AND TEMPORARY AMERICAN EMPLOYEES (TDY OR UP TO NINETY DAY APPOINTMENT) AS FOLLOWS:

FOR MOSCOW: PLEASE LIST CONSULAR SECTION, MEDICAL AND SCHOOL SEPARATELY. ALSO LIST COMMERCIAL OFFICE, AGRICULTURE ATTACHE, DEFENSE ATTACHE, USIA.

FOR LENINGRAD: PLEASE LIST SCHOOL AND USIA SEPARATELY.
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WE NEED THIS TO PUT TOGETHER OUR LATEST BREAKDOWN OF US AND SOVIET STAFFING. WILL SEND YOU A COPY WHEN COMPLETED.

6. AS YOU WILL SEE FROM NEW INSTRUCTIONS ON STATE 185975, OUR COLLEAGUES IN PRCM NEED TIME TO SORT THEMSELVES OUT. CHRISTOPHER

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